

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 are currently pending. Claims 1-17 are rejected. Claims 1, 2, 9, 10, and 17 are amended. Claim 1, 9, and 17 were rejected as obvious under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) from the combination of Stohs in view of Tanaka.

Assignee appreciates the courtesies extended by the Examiner during the phone conference of September 19th. As indicated in Examiner's Interview Summary, the statement of the "identical" sequential portion would rule out the compression of Tanaka and would overcome the 103 rejection of Stohs in view of Tanaka.

Assignee has now amended claims 1, 9, and 17 to include "storing the identical sequential portion". Accordingly, Assignee respectfully requests that Examiner withdraw the rejection to claims 1, 9, and 17, as well as to dependent claims 2-8, and 10-16.

CONCLUSION

For at least the foregoing reasons, each of the pending claims are allowable, making the application in a condition for allowance. Examiner is requested to pass this case to issuance. To the extent that any monies are required for the actions requested herein in addition to any funds transmitted herewith, Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the same to account no. 13-0017.

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RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED



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